GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:345
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2005
MANUFACTURING OF WHEELS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of scrap generated by Railways during the last three years, year wise;

(b) the quantity and value of scrap recycled by the Railways during the said period;

(c) whether the Railways have attained self-sufficiency in manufacturing wheels;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Railways to attain self-sufficiency in manufacturing wheels?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 345 BY SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN AND SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.8.2005 REGARDING MANUFACTURING OF WHEELS.

(a) The quantity and Value of scrap generated during the last three years is given as under:

Category	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	Quantity	Value (in Cr. of Rs)	Quantity	Value (in Cr. of Rs.)	Quantity	Value
Rails & P.Way(MT)	729186	633	602106	752	320270	490
Other ferrous (MT)	335845	275	299751	354	230874	339
Non-ferrous (MT)	11865	53	10224	46	13654	70
Wagons (FWUs)	14489	96	12625	125	16138	270
Coaches (Nos.)	1035	12	1356	23	1218	33
Locos (Nos.)	72	4	27	1	130	11
Miscellaneous	-	55	-	41	-	79
Total Value		1128		1342		1292

(b) The quantity and value of scrap recycled by Rail Wheel Factory and Chittaranjan Locomotives Works for the last three years is given as under:

Production Unit	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	Quantity Recycled (MTs)	Value (in Cr. of Rs.)	Quantity Recycled (MTs)	Value (in Cr. of Rs.)	Quantity Recycled (MTs)	Value (in Cr. Rs) of Rs.)
Rail Wheel Factory	91282	83.85	94770	88.37	83340	112.99
Chittarajan Locomotives Works	4245	4.24	3641	4.00	3000	4.50
Total	99527	88.09	98411	92.37	86340	117.49

Note:

MT = Metric Tonne,
FWUS = Four Wheeler Units &
Nos. = Numbers

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Railways do not normally make their full requirement of any item, including wheels, themselves. There are two manufacturing units in the country i.e. one at Durgapur, which is a PSU and one at Bangalore, which is Railway`s own Production Unit. Their combined capacity is falling short of our requirement as the traffic, both passenger & freight, has gone up substantially in the last three years.

(e) A new wheel manufacturing plant is being set up near Chhapra. This is expected to increase the indigenous capacity sufficiently to meet the requirement of the Railways after it is commissioned.